

LOCAL ACTIVITY – ROME

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EUROPEAN INTEGRATION PROCESS - *PROS*

(Vittorio Colonna)

- A Single European Currency for traveling in the EU without exchange fees
- Free movement of persons
- Customs Union and free movement of goods in the EU
- Enhanced protection of fundamental rights for all [resident] citizens
- Ensuring a peaceful coexistence among the EU Member States
- Improvement of economic welfare

(Talete)

- Single currency - Free movement of persons and goods
- A greater international role for the EU
- Protection of Rights, with particular reference to Consumer Rights
- Greater security and fight against terrorism and transnational criminal networks
- Reduced costs of communication and transport prices
- Greater opportunities in training and cultural exchange fields + Mutual recognition of diplomas
- Competition regulation

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- Free movement of persons made easy
- Monetary Union
- Broadening of the idea of belonging to a community (with its multiple identities)
- Preserving a peaceful coexistence among the EU Member States
- Greater chances to take advantage of the opportunities provided by globalization
- Better prospects for cooperation in terms of training, research and job opportunities
- Identification and strengthening of a common core of fundamental values ("No one shall be condemned to the death penalty, or executed", political pluralism, secularism, etc.)

EUROPEAN INTEGRATION PROCESS - *CRITICAL ASPECTS*

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- Failure to guarantee and implement adequate socio-economic cohesion between Member States
- Unequal political voice of Member States
- Failure in effective joint solution of the migration phenomena
- Little closeness and ability to influence European institutions by citizens
- Inadequate solidarity expressed with the EU countries in greatest difficulty

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- Migration management
- Inadequate copyright and privacy protection
- Failure to guarantee a fully-fledged democratic governance (via a Constitution for the European Union)
- Insufficient cooperation between national administrations on internal security
- Persisting inequalities among Member States (different school, training and healthcare systems, etc.)
- Weaknesses on the front of a single EU foreign policy
- Unaccomplished common military defence

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- Inadequate transnational rules for the resolution of disputes concerning family law
- Unsatisfactory growth in wealth and economic stability
- Management of migration flows
- Insufficient cohesion and economic solidarity between Member States